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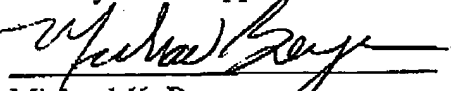
FOR: "Electrolytic And Electroless Process For Treating
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132

I, Michael K. Boyer, have an office at Orscheln Management Co, 2000 US Hwy 63 South, Moberly, Missouri 65270, and am Chief Patent Counsel and Director of Technology for Elisha Holding LLC, and Applicants' attorney.

I DECLARE, that I am familiar with the contents of the above-identified patent application and U.S. Patent No. 6,592,738 (Heimann et al.). Any invention disclosed but not claimed in USPN '738 was derived from an inventor of the instant application. Robert L. Heimann is named as an inventor of the instant application and on USPN '738. Further, the instant application and Patent '738 were, at the time the invention of the instant application was made, owned by Elisha Holding LLC.

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